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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments are submitted preliminary to an action on the merits.

In The Claims

Please delete Claims 1-33 and substitute the following claims therefor:

--34 Circular target body comprising

a surface to be sputtered off symmetrically tapered from the periphery of said body towards the center of said body and comprising a surface steadily bent as considered in a cutting surface containing the symmetry axis of said body;

the back-side of said body being formed by a flat annular outer surface and an inwardly recessed center surface;

